Proposal of Bihar Government for conversion of wasteland into agricultural land

†2297. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar have sent any proposal to the Central Government for converting wasteland into agricultural land;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Central Government on the proposal and details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of Bihar have sent proposals for development of wasteland under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) in respect of Purnea, Kishanganj and Saran districts. These proposals have been examined and deficiencies conveyed to State Government for suitably revising these proposals.

Proposals for Swajaldhara Scheme from Karnataka

2298. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Swajaldhara Scheme was launched;

(b) how many proposals seeking funds for executing drinking water projects have been sent by the Karnataka Government;

(c) whether the Government would provided 90 per cent for the total funds required for implementing drinking water schemes; and

(d) the number of proposals of Karnataka so far cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) Swajaldhara was launched on 25.12.2002 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. 60 proposals out of 110 proposals sent by the Government of Karnataka were found eligible. National Scheme Sanctioning Committee has approved 60 eligible

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.